

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (Original)

A method of treating or reducing the risk of acquiring a condition selected from the group consisting of osteoporosis, hypercholesterolemia, hyperlipidemia, atherosclerosis, breast cancer, endometrial cancer, uterine cancer, ovarian cancer, vaginal dryness and loss of muscle mass, said method comprising increasing levels of a sex steroid precursor selected from the group consisting of dehydroepiandrosterone, dehydroepiandrosterone sulfate, androst-5-ene-3 β ,17 β -diol and 4-androsten-3,17-dione in a patient in need of said treatment or said reduction, and further comprising administering to said patient a therapeutically effective amount of a selective estrogen receptor modulator as part of a combination therapy.

Claims 2-34 (Canceled)